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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOK REQUEST FOR IHAWK TEAM

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER JABER AL-AHMAD AUG 13 ON MILITARY MATTERS, HE STATED GOK NOW CONSIDERS DECISION ON SAM FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

2. SAHIKH JABER ASSERTED THERE WERE SOME WITHIN GOK, INCLUDING MILITARY OFFICERS, WHO REMAINED SKEPTICAL OF LOW LEVEL CAPABILITY OF IMPROVED HAWK. HE REQUESTED THAT TEAM COMPOSED OF RAYTHEON AND US MILITARY EXPERTS PROCEED KUWAIT SOONEST TO PROVIDE BRIEFING ON ALL ASPECTS OF IHAWK INCLUDING ALTITUDE CAPABILITY, MOBILITY, PERCENTAGES OF HITS, AND AVAILABILITY OF WEAPON AND TRAINING FOR WEAPON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT HAWK TEAM BE ORGANIZED AND SENT KUWAIT TO ARRIVE ABOUT SEPT 1. SUGGEST FEASIBILITY OF CONCEPT OF HELICOPTER MOBILITY BE STUDIED. ALSO RECOMMEND USE OF VISUAL AIDS TO HIGHLIGHT ESSENTIAL POINTS. WE HAVE RAYTHEON SECRET DOCUMENT "IMPROVED HAWK LOW ALTITUDE INTERCEPT CAPABILITY" DATED SECRET

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JULY 17, 1973. LOCAL BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT PLANNED BUT WE WILL

WITHHOLD IT FOR INCLUSION IN FULL BRIEFING BY INCOMING HAWK
TEAM.

4. I INFORMED MINDEF SAAD OF ABOVE REQUEST BY PRIME MINISTER AND
TOLD HIM I WOULD LET HIM KNOW SOON AS I HAD WORD OF TEAM'S
ARRIVAL. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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